

John Welling House
Curlis Avenue
Pennington, Mercer County, New Jersey

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Owner: ~~Welling, John~~ CHARLES R. & INEZ H. HOWELL

Date of Erection: Before 1728

Architect:

Builder:

Present Condition: Good

Number of Stories: Two

Materials of Construction: Foundation - stone

Exterior walls - frame construction, siding except on the west elevation which has original shingles

Interior walls - plaster, open beams

Inside brick chimneys

Roof - pitch

Historical Data:

This small Dutch type house was standing before John Welling purchased it in 1728. John Welling was of Welsh origin and came to the Pennington region from Jamaica, Long Island, in 1727. After a year's lease he purchased two hundred and twenty-three acres at Hopewell of Perit Lester to whom it had been conveyed by

John Muirheid and John Fitch by John Reading and James Trent, commissioners of the loan office.

Welling died about 1790. It was a great granddaughter of his, Elizabeth Welling, who married as her second husband John D. Hart. The executors of John D. Hart, James Stevenson and Simeon W. Phillips, conveyed the property to Charles Welling by deed April 3, 1839. It remained in the Welling family until 1921 when George H. Curlis deeded the property to the Pennington Improvement Society from whom the Howe Company (Howe Nurseries) purchased that same year. In 1928 it was transferred from the Howe Nurseries ~~to Eugene W. Howe.~~

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